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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In an Office Action dated July 24, 2008, the Examiner required election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among Species 1 (Figs. 2a-2d), Species 2 (Figs. 2e-2h), and Species 3 (Figs. 2i-2j). In response, Applicant elects Species 3 (Figs. 2i-2j) directed to claims 1-13, 39-43, 45 and 46 without traverse.

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